

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The daily circulation of the *Opinion* is far greater than that of any paper in the city, with one exception; and the weekly circulation, which already reaches nine thousand, is increasing at the rate of twenty-five hundred a month. It has increased at this rate with remarkable regularity, from the first month of its publication. Advertisers who wish to give their advertisements a wide circulation, should bear these facts in mind. The daily *Opinion* is distributed chiefly in Washington, Georgetown, Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Baltimore. The weekly *Opinion* is sent to every quarter of the Union.

A HOUSE OF REFORMATION FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS.—All of our citizens who have ever had occasion to be in and about the guard house, criminal court, or magistrates office, or who have read the reports of the doings at those judicial seats, must have perceived the exceeding large proportion of youths in the number of malefactors and law-offenders, who are brought to these places to have justice meted out to them. It is really painful to look upon youths, from nine to thirteen years old, and to hear them charged with the most daring robberies and misdemeanors. It must appear rational to every thinking man, that to send such boys to the jail or the penitentiary to expiate these offences, is only sending them to an academy of vice, whence they will become adepts in every species of wickedness which, before their entrance into this school they had not dreamed of, and which also, they would be very apt to attempt at the expiration of their term, prompted as they would be by necessity, and their own curiosity, in relation to the success of the trick, itself, which they have learned. From this they go on until, again entangled in the law, they spend another short term in the penitentiary, from which they usually graduate with all the honors and virtues of an accomplished thief, or burglar.

The object of punishment is supposed to be reformation, and not revenge, and the best means of promoting this end, in regard to juvenile offenders against the laws, seems to us to be in the establishment of an intermediate place of correction where all white offenders, both male and female, under the age of sixteen years, might be sent, upon conviction of any penal offence, and where they should be required to work and study a certain number of hours, improving both the body and mind. Their term of sentence should be until they reached their majority, and young men and women might come from such an institution with moral feelings, good trades, and stout hearts, in the very beginning of their maturity, and make better citizens than those who may have had full liberty to roam the streets during their youth. We will not enter into details, however, but urge the importance of the general proposition upon our citizens, as one which is absolutely necessary for the future protection of life and property, which cannot but be more endangered by the speedy increase and manufacture of criminals, which is now going on in our penitentiary and jail.

Will our pre-seeing, wise, and philanthropic citizens take this subject into consideration, and act as their own hearts must necessarily dictate?

FOR THE ORGANS.
Mr. Editor: As you are expected to know every thing, and to keep your readers "booked up" in all important changes, will you be pleased to publish that section of the recent postage law requiring us, as notified by our city postmaster, to prepare after 1st January, 1856, all our letters "excusively by stamps, or stamped envelopes?" I can't find the section.

In answer to the above, we will state, that there is no such section in the act. This portion of the postmaster's notice is based upon the following clause in the act, which closes the paragraph: "And from and after the first day of January, 1856, all letters and postcards, except such as are directed to the Postmaster General may require postmarks to place postage stamps upon all prepaid letters upon which such stamps may not have been placed by the writers."

By this it is plain that the writers are not required either to use stamps or stamped envelopes, but all letters must be prepared to insure transmission through the mails. While on the subject, we will also say that until January 1, 1856, stamps or stamped envelopes are not required to be used, the act merely stating that the rate of three cents for each letter shall be charged where the distance it is to be conveyed does not exceed 3,000 miles, not mentioning whether it is to be paid by a stamp or not, leaving it, as we think, entirely at the option of the writer.

FIRE IN VIRGINIA.—On Sunday last Judson's barn, at the Falls Church, Fairfax county, was burnt down, and the fire communicated to the adjacent woods, and did considerable damage. Several other fires in the woods occurred on the same day in the same neighborhood.

A large quantity of corn—about five hundred cords—on the line of the Orange and Alexandria railroad, three miles above Briscoe, caught fire on Monday morning from a spark from a locomotive, and the whole was consumed. The wood belonged to Mr. William A. Bowen.

ALMOST A FIRE.—The counting-room of Messrs. J. B. Ward & Bro., corner of 12th and B streets, was slightly damaged by fire this morning. The fire caught from the stove-pipe where it projected from the inside, and the roof was destroyed of shingles at short notice, which stopped the progress of the combustion.

The alarm of fire about 12 o'clock last night was raised in consequence of a very bright light seen in a north-easterly direction. As it was a long distance from town, none of the firemen repaired to the place, and we are unable to state the origin or effect of the fire.

We ascertain, however, as we go to press, that it came from the barn of Erasmus J. Middleton, Esq., the worthy Secretary of the Board of Aldermen, which was totally destroyed. The place is about three miles from the city, in a north east direction. It contained a quantity of hay, &c., which was also consumed.

The loss is considerable, and not covered by insurance, so far as we can learn.

FIRE IN GEORGETOWN.—Last night about eight o'clock, an old barn on the Virginia side of the river, opposite Georgetown, near the aqueduct, was destroyed by fire. The light was quite brilliant, and gave the impression of a large fire in that vicinity. The loss is comparatively trifling, as it was occupied for a fish house, and was of very little value.

NEW MUSIC.—We were in the music store of Messrs. Hilbus & Hitz a few days ago, and observed two new pieces of music, which they have just published, one of which is composed by "W. B.," a young gentleman of this city, entitled "Why did I Love False Flora?" and the other, the "Rose Cottage Waltz," by R. T. Jackson, of the 6th regiment of U. S. Infantry.

This enterprising firm have lately received a "Capriccio," and two "Morceaux de Salon," by Wollenhauff, and "Immortelle," by Gockel, the pianist who accompanies Paul Julian in his concerting, all three of which are brilliant and fashionable pieces.

"WHAT'S THE MATTER."—The denizens of the neighborhood complain loudly that the pump at the corner of 11th and K streets, which has afforded the only drinkable water to be obtained in that vicinity, is out of repair, so that they are obliged to use water thick with mud. Will the Commissioner of the Second Ward attend to this, and furnish them with means to obtain this great earthly blessing, in purity and abundance?

PELAGIACUS.—James Taylor, from Ireland, was making a tremendous noise in the street last night, and was taken to the guard-house. Here he commenced abusing and fighting an old man, and was sent to jail for this conduct by Captain Birch, who knows the exact way to dispose of these fellows.

MORE ATTEMPTS AT BURGLARY.—We learn that three separate attempts were made last night, to break into and enter the apothecary shop of O. Boswell, on the corner of Seventh street and Maryland avenue, Island. It will be remembered that only a short time ago a similar attempt was made on the same premises, the possessor of the shop sent over to watch for the would-be robbers, but did not succeed in detecting them.

POLICE COURT.—Before Messrs. and Birch.—J. M. Dean and Israel Nichols, were lodged last night.

Mary Ann Anderson and Eliza Anderson, white, mother and daughter, the latter sixteen years of age, were arrested and fined for profanity.

Rachel Seymour, a free negro, was out after hours and fined.

Hugh Prichard and Rodney Day were lodged.

POBERRY CASE.—Colonel Lewis L. Taylor, a clerk in the First Auditor's Office, and a resident of D street, near Third, has absconded, leaving a wife and five or six children in destitute circumstances. He is about forty years of age, and has heretofore borne a fair character. It is believed that he had forged the name of Hon. Jefferson Davis, the Secretary of War, to various notes, amounting to between ten and twenty thousand dollars. The notes are in the hands of brokers, money-lenders, and his friends. He left the city on Sunday night. He was a friend of Mr. Davis, but it is understood that the latter will not attempt to screen him from just punishment. He is taken by R. O. HOOD.

One of the persons victimized by Taylor, we regret to learn, is Mr. Thomas Smith of the Treasury Department, formerly of Kentucky, who loses \$200 by the operation. Taylor is said to have been addicted to gambling, which probably the cause of his desperate resort to forgery in order to obtain money with which to try his fortune at the faro bank.

BOVDYISM.—Last night the peace and quiet of the Seventh Ward was disturbed by the singing of bacchanalian songs, and the use of loud and riotous language by a party of nearly grown individuals to the number of a dozen. Not content with this, they proceeded to stone the houses of innocent and inoffensive citizens, and many who were "counting the balm," were frightened at being awaked by the crash of a stone at their windows. The midnight depredators were allowed to depart free from any interference, although we hope another such instance of rowdiness will be severely punished.

ALEXANDRIA.—The City Council met last evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Board of Guardians of the Free School.—Rev. Elias Harrison, Rev. J. T. Johnson, Reuben Johnson, Cassius F. Lee, William N. Berkley, Edgar Shawlin.

W. C. Reynolds was appointed Inspector of Wood and Bark, in place of John I. Proctor, deceased. The funeral of the lamented J. I. Proctor was attended yesterday, by the Free Masons, Odd Fellows, and a large concourse of citizens.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Before Messrs. and Dunlop.—The court proceeded to trials yesterday, and No. 206, James G. Barry vs. James Adams, Executor of Thomas Law, was tried and disposed of. This was a case where, in 1828, Barry gave Law \$250 in cash, which was not conveyed to Barry as agreed to by Law. Subsequently Law, through his brother, informed Mr. Barry that upon the payment of an additional \$100, he (Law) would give Barry a clear and perfect title to the lots. In this state the case remained until about two years ago, Mr. Barry declining to pay the additional sum, and when brought suit for the recovery of the \$250.

The principal point was the instruction of the court to the jury, that Law not having a clear title himself in the land, (the plaintiff proving this fact), the usual legal demand for a deed, before a suit could be maintained, was not imperative upon Mr. Barry, and the jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for \$250, and interest since July 1828. Messrs. Morgan and Stone for the plaintiff, Carlisle for the defendant.

Judge Messersell delivered the opinion of the court on the motion to quash the reply in Kennedy vs. De Bow, which was argued last term. The reply was quashed on the ground that the articles replevied from Mr. De Bow were in his possession only as belonging to the United States, and the action would not lie. This disposes of the case.

WHO IS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.—By the following extract of a letter from Albany to the New York Evening Post, it appears that there is some doubt whether Myron H. Clark, or the notorious Bray Dickinson, is Governor of New York: "As I informed you a few days since, Governor Clark did send to the Senate a withdrawal of the nomination of Dr. Thompson as health officer to New York, and the message was unaccountably suppressed. The subject was brought up in the Senate to-day, on a motion by Senator Butts, (Whig), for a committee of investigation. The motion elicited debate, in the course of which Senator A. B. Dickinson made the following avowals as to his part in the affair: "A message from the Governor came into my hands. I knew not then what it contained, nor did I know what was to be done with it, but I guessed, for I can guess like a Yankee sometimes, that it was a withdrawal of Dr. Thompson's name. I put it into my pocket. Further, I had received a letter from the Governor bidding me do as I deemed proper with regard to that nomination. I have done so."

"Here," concluded the Senator, "is the letter sent me by the Governor on the subject." When asked to produce, or read the letter, the Senator declined. The interpretation placed on the matter by outsiders is, that the Governor recalled the nomination of Thompson, in a letter to the Senate, or its presiding officer. The vote of Raymond confirmed Thompson's nomination. It might have rejected him, had that officer been a man of firmness, or accustomed to act up to his pledges. As it was, he is laughed at and is considered as a traitor and deluded politician. Senator Clarke, of St. Lawrence, stigmatized the act as one of great culpability.

The letter which was set up by Mr. Dickinson in excuse is supposed to be an afterthought, got up to put the best face possible upon a very bad affair.

It would seem, from this whole affair, that the Governor is a shadow in the hands of the opposition clique at the Capitol, and that he only shows his animation by flying from one side to the other, and would drop at once, unless sustained by these alternate blows.

The Letters of the Hon. Kenneth Baynes, in complete form, are now ready, and for sale at the office of the American Organ. Price, \$2 50 per hundred; 5 cents a single copy.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.—Rev. Mr. Butler's—Service in this church, corner of H and 11th streets, every evening this week, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Ludden, of Virginia, will preach.

Metropolitan Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.—The members of the Metropolitan Hook and Ladder Company are hereby notified to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Company on Thursday, 5th of April, at 8 o'clock, in the Chamber of the Common Council.

JOHN T. SUTER, President.

SPRING FASHIONS.

MRS. A. SPEER has received, and will open a new Millinery, Thursday, April 2nd, 1856. Millinery Rooms, 255 D street.

REFRIGERATORS, WATER-COOLERS, ICE-CREAM FREEZERS, &c.

RECEIVING THIS DAY A FREEZER OF WATER-man's Patent Ventilated Refrigerator, universally acknowledged to be the best Refrigerator ever presented to the public, a variety of sizes.

Water Coolers, all sizes.

Together with a general assortment of House Furnishing Goods, all of which will be sold at very low prices.

PATENT ICE PITCHER.

THIS PITCHER is similar in appearance, and equally convenient to those in common use, but is so constructed that when the cover is down every part of its contents is doubly encased in ice, and the effect of which is that one and a half pints of ice placed in three pints of water will last nearly seven hours, whereas, the same weight of ice in a like quantity and temperature of water in a common pitcher, only lasts about two hours. Being composed of metal, it is of course more durable than the ordinary china pitcher. This, taken in connexion with the convenience and luxury of always having ice-water on hand, and the immense saving of ice, renders it decidedly the most economical pitcher now in use.

For sale at the manufacturer's retail prices by

C. W. BOTELER, Iron Hall.

THE AMERICAN REFRIGERATOR are

very much improved to meet the requirements of the trade, and are now on hand, at the corner of Louisiana avenue and Seventh street.

The members are earnestly requested to be punctual in their attendance.

By order

WILLIAM H. CHAMPION, Recording Secretary.

FOR RENT.—A Small Garden-Farm,

containing six acres of land, with small Dwelling-House and Stable, within good fences, situated on the corner of 11th and K streets, Capital. To a person tenant the rent will be low.

Apply to D. A. WATSON, Second Street, East Capitol Hill.

Feb 20—W&S

SILVER SPOONS, Silver Tea-Sets, Fine Gold Watches, Rich Gold Jewelry. Also, a large assortment of Spectacles of every quality, and a variety of other goods, which I will sell at the wholesale prices, by single articles, or by lot, at call before making your selections, at

No. 418, Pennsylvania Avenue, Between 4 1/2 and 5th streets, Sign of the Large Spoon, Eagle, & Q. O. HOOD.

N. B. Chronometers, Duplex, and other Fine Watches, carefully repaired and warranted to give satisfaction, by an experienced workman. Also, new work made to order, and Jewelry repaired at short notice.

mar 20—1f (Sent and Globe).

HOES, RAKES, SPADES, SHOVELS, &c.—A full assortment of Garden Implements just received and for sale by

250 Penn. Avenue, between 2nd and 10th sts.

ap 3—2f

DAUPHIN COAL—\$7 50!

WE will now sell the remaining portion of our stock of Dauphin or Transition (red ash) Coal at "Seven dollars and fifty cents" per ton, carefully screened, to quads not less than half a ton, and delivered to any part of the city.

W. E. WATERS & CO., Office corner of C and 12th streets.

ap 3—6f

DISSOLUTION.

THE co-partnership of Furse & Collins has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The bills of the firm will be placed in the hands of a collector for settlement forthwith.

JOHN FURSE, EDWARD F. COLLINS.

COAL, COAL—200 TONS MORE!

A cargo of two hundred tons of good quality white ash Coal as ever has been offered for sale in the Washington market.

Consumers of Coal in want of a first-rate article will do well to apply, as we have now the largest stock and best assortment of the best Coal to be found in the city.

Send in your orders, that they may be filled from the vessel, and thereby effect a saving of 25 cents per ton, which we allow in such cases.

We do not sell "cheap" for a ton.

W. E. WATERS & CO., Office corner of C and 12th sts.

ap 3—4f

MARBLE AND BROWN-STONE YARD.

On Fourteenth street, intersecting Ohio avenue and C street.

THE undersigned would inform his friends and the public that he has recently commenced business at the above named place, and is prepared to furnish Marble and Brown-Stone work for building and other purposes, on as reasonable terms as can be procured elsewhere.

All work entrusted to him will be executed with neatness, durability, and rapidly.

Marble Mantels always on hand, to which I invite attention of those desirous of purchasing.

ap 2—1w JACOB VEIHMAYER.

SPRING GOODS.

THE undersigned would respectfully inform the public, that she has just received from the North, a very large stock of Bonnets, Ribbons, Flowers, and fancy goods of every variety. Also, a large and splendid assortment of Embroideries. Such as Collars, Sleeves, Handkerchiefs, Ruffles, Bands, Edgings, Insertings, &c., &c.

Bishop, Wessels, Platte, Vandyke, and Thread Lace, with a general supply of Fancy and Millinery Goods, always found in a well selected store.

mar 21—1w R. A. PEACOCK, No. 12 Market Space.

THE SUBURBAN HOME SCHOOL.

AN excellent Government school, offering superior advantages to a very limited number of boys. Their health, manners, and morals, receiving constant supervision, makes this a good substitute for home. Frequent exercises on horseback, and by carriage. Location retired and healthful. The grounds nearly three acres.

References in New York city: Rev. R. D. Denison, Bible House, N. H. Ponds, Esq., 38 William street, Bishop, Wessels, Platte, Vandyke, and Thread Lace, with a general supply of Fancy and Millinery Goods, always found in a well selected store.

For circulars, &c., address the Rev. Alonzo G. Shearn, New Haven.

ap 3—1w

NOTICE is hereby given that the Books of the Assessors will be open at their office in the City Hall, from 10 o'clock, A. M. to 3 P. M. (Sundays excepted), from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 3 P. M. for the inspection of those interested in the assessment of their property for the year 1855.

T. H. HARKNESS, Secretary.

ap 2—d10th ap

THE GREAT DISCOVERY.

KROLLERION!

For curling the Hair!

FOR many years it has been the object of deepest study with chemists and others, to produce a fluid that, applied to the hair, would cause it to wave and curl equal in beauty to the natural curl.

THE KROLLERION is the only article ever offered to the world that will effect this most desirable object. But three or four applications are necessary to curl it as much as may be desired, and for any length of time. From the many testimonials of those who have used it, the subscriber does not hesitate to warrant the Krollerion to give satisfaction, and prove as recommended in all the newspapers.

The recipe for making, with full directions for use will be sent on the receipt of one dollar, post-paid. The ingredients will not cost over 12 cents.

Direct to

H. A. FREEMONT, Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio.

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FARM NEAR WASHINGTON FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale his Farm, situated in Alexandria, County, Virginia, two miles from Georgetown, D. C. It contains 70 acres of land, 50 or more under cultivation, the remainder in Oak and Pine wood land—the greater part of the latter of large growth. The whole is enclosed by a new and substantial fence. There are two good springs and a never-failing branch of water on the premises. The improvements consist of a neat and modern frame dwelling and back building, containing the necessary offices, a stable, corn house, &c. Also, a young Orchard (containing about 500 trees) of choice Apple, Peach, Quince, Apricot, and Cherries, in bearing order.

The beautifulness of the location, respectability of the neighborhood, and access to the city, render it a variety of inducements to anyone wishing to purchase a handsome country seat.

For particulars inquire of the subscriber, or of Malcolm Douglas, living adjoining, who will show the premises to those desirous of purchasing. Title indisputable.

mar 5—1m Mrs. S. HAMILTON.

FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH!

A Frame House on the corner of Tenth and J streets, between J and K. The lot is 25 by 100 feet; also, other houses and lots for sale.

ap 2—1w ULYSSES WARD.

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS

Spring styles.—A large and varied assortment just received, and for sale at

LANE'S, 424 Pennsylvania Avenue, near 4 1/2 street.

mar 21—60f

NEW JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends, and business men of Washington and vicinity particularly, that he has just opened an extensive Book and Job Printing Office. His printing materials are all new, and were selected from the most approved and newest styles. He has also a set of Ruggles's Machine Job Presses, which will enable him to execute all work with dispatch and at reasonable prices. He solicits a share of public patronage.

FRANKLIN H. SAGE, Columbia Place, corner of 7th street and Louisiana Avenue.

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THE Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

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AMUSEMENTS.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE. (LATE VARIETIES.)

Leaves—acting and Stage Manager.—JOHN KEENEY.

Prices of admission.—Orchestra Chairs 50 cents. Private Boxes 75 cents. Regular Ticket 25 cents. Private Boxes 25 cents.

Third night of the re engagement of

MISS FANNY MORANT.

The celebrated Tragedienne, from Drury Lane, and Covent Garden Theatres.

On This (Wednesday) Evening, April 4th, Will be presented (by request) the admired play, in 3 acts, entitled

INGOMAR.

Parthenia.....Miss FANNY MORANT.

Ingomar.....Mr. J. Allen.

Myron.....Mr. W. H. Norton.

To conclude with the laughable farce (written expressly for Mr. Weaver) of

FORTY WINKS.

OR—

KNOW-NOTHING.

Tobias Hornblower.....John Weaver.

Miss Fannella Thunderbolt.....Miss J. Tyson.

GALLERY FOR COLORED PERSONS 25 CENTS.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Curtain rises at 7 1/2 to 8 o'clock.

ap 2—1f

TO THE LADIES.

MRS. M. A. HILLS respectfully announces to the ladies of Washington and vicinity, that she has just returned from New York with a large and varied assortment of Millinery, misses and boys Hats, from \$7 1/2 cents to \$15.

New styles Lawn Bonnets, Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, Dress Trimmings, Caps, Head Dresses, &c., &c.

No. 295 Penn. Avenue, south side, between 9th and 10th streets.

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Mrs. M. A. Hills will open on Thursday, April 5th, a splendid assortment of Spring Millinery, to which the ladies are invited to attend.

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